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Central authorities and the All-Nation Anti-America, Aid-Korea Campaign Headquarters are jointly launching a campaign for donations of tin and copper. The instructions which they have issued are summarized as follows:

- a. Local Party organizations and branches of the Anti-America, Aid-Korea Campaign Headquarters shall separately instruct their various cell organizations to encourage donations of copper and tin from the people.
- b. Departments of Trade in the major administrative regions are instructed to accept copper and tin donations and to value such donations in terms of money; no money, however, will be given to the donors. This instruction is issued with the consent of the Ministry of Trade.
- c. The Copper and Tin Donation Campaign shall begin on 1 December 1951.
- d. Donors in the city will be the general-public while donors in the villages will be farmers. Industrial and commercial firms are considered only as secondary donors.
- e. Copper donations in the form of copper coins, small cash, copper wire, copper cartridge cases, electric wires and other used or waste items made from copper will be accepted. Tin donations in the form of tin utensils, tin blocks and other used or waste items made from tin will be accepted.
- f. Copper and tin donations will be collected by mining companies or, in their absence, by native products companies. These companies will issue temporary receipts which may be presented by the donor at branches of the Anti-America, Aid-Korea Campaign Headquarters in exchange for official receipts.
- g. Donations of copper and tin will be valued in accordance with the fluctuating market price. This value can not be used to offset cash donations previously pledged by the donor, such as subscriptions already pledged for purchase of airplanes or artillery for Korea.

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- h. The companies which accept donations of copper and tin shall value those donations daily at the current market price and shall report the total to the branches of the Anti-America, Aid-Korea Campaign Headquarters. The sum thus reported shall be included as a part of the funds donated for the Anti-America, Aid-Korea Campaign.
- i. The Anti-America Aid-Korea Campaign Headquarters and its branches shall total the results of the Copper and Tin Donation monthly. These totals be published and compared on a competitive basis with the objective of stimulating the donation of copper and tin.
- j. The copper and tin donation campaign must be developed on a voluntary, not compulsory, basis.

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[] Comment. In a report on the monthly copper requirements of Communist China, [] states that the Chinese Communists estimate that they could collect 25,000 to 40,000 tons of copper in the form of utensils, coins, and scrap. According to their requirements figures, this might be sufficient for a year's supply. [] reports on the copper shortage in Communist China and the institution of a copper conservation program. These campaigns appear to indicate a growing concern of the Chinese Communists over their shortage of these items.

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